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2 May 1944.

Subject: War Diary, Month of April 1944.

20 April: Enroute Cape Cretin to Aitape Roads, New Guinea, in company with Task Group 77.4. Destroyer screen patrolling on assigned stations.

0800	04-11South	147-18East
1200	03-31South	147-07East
2000	02-21South	147-19East

21 April: Enroute Cape Cretin to Aitape Roads, New Guinea, in company with Task Group 77.4. Destroyer screen patrolling on assigned stations.

0800	01-19South	146-36East
1200	01-06South	145-36East
2000	00-49South	144-20East

22 April: Enroute Cape Cretin to Aitape Roads, New Guinea, in company with Task Group 77.4. Destroyer screen patrolling on assigned stations.

0800	01-10South	142-42East
1200	01-28South	142-20East
2000	02-10South	142-09East

23 April: Enroute Cape Cretin to Aitape Roads, New Guinea in company with Task Unit 77.4.3. 0500 Set condition 1-Able. 0530 Arrived in transport area Aitape Roads, New Guinea, proceeding independently as Commander Transport Group, Task Unit 77.3.8 for the purpose of landing the 127th regimental combat teams of the 2nd Battalion, 32nd Division, U.S. Army on Tumleo and Seleo Islands and accomplishing their capture. 0605 Anchored in transport area. 0620 Fire support units commenced bombardment of Tumleo and Seleo Islands. 0623 Island combat teams boated and away to line of departure. 0648 Shifted berth to area off Blue Beach One. 0650 Fire Support Units ceased firing. 0659 First wave landed on Tumleo Island, no opposition encountered. 0703 First wave landed on Seleo Island. 0753 Commenced discharging cargo. 0830 All remaining U.S. Army assault teams disembarked and away to Blue Beach One. 0950 Seleo Island secured by U.S. forces. 1030 Tumleo Island secured by U.S. forces. Continued discharging cargo into boats and away to Blue Beach One.

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3 May: Enroute Dekays Bay to Aitape, New Guinea in company with Transport Division FOUR and screen. 0702 Arrived Aitape Roads. 0730 Commenced debarking troops and equipment. 0745 Anchored in berth 6 Aitape Roads, continued debarking troops and equipment. 0751 Commenced discharging troop cargo. 0850 All troops debarked, continued discharging cargo. 1327 All cargo discharged. 1653 Hove up anchor and proceeded to sea in company with Transport Division FOUR and screen. 1745 Departed Aitape for Cape Sudest, New Guinea.

4 May: Enroute Aitape to Cape Sudest, New Guinea in company with Transport Division FOUR. Destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations.

0800	03-23S	145-13E
1200	03-49S	145-56E
2000	05-03S	147-12E

5 May: Enroute Aitape to Cape Sudest, New Guinea in company with Transport Division FOUR. Destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations.

0800	07-28S	148-13E
1200	08-15S	148-15E

1400 Arrived Cape Sudest. 1450 Anchored in berth 15 off Cape Endaiadere, New Guinea. Transport Division FOUR anchored in assigned berths.

6 May: At anchor, berth 15 off Cape Endaiadere, New Guinea in company with Transport Division FOUR and various other units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet.

7 May: At anchor, berth 15 off Cape Endaiadere, New Guinea in company with Transport Division FOUR and various other units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet. 1855 Hove up anchor, underway, formed cruising disposition in company with Transport Division FOUR O.T.C. U.S.S. CENTAURUS proceeded to sea, enroute Cape Sudest, New Guinea to Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.